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Press Release

HIALEAH COACH MAKES A DIFFERENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Hialeah, Florida – On Saturday, August 8, 2009, Mayor Julio Robaina, the esteemed City Council along with members of the Hialeah Optimist Club, joined together at the Hialeah Middle School Sports Complex to honor Willy Scrivens. Willy was presented with a Proclamation from Mayor Robaina as well as a special certificate from the President of Hialeah Optimist, Eddie Arenas.

Willy Scrivens has been a part of the Hialeah Optimist Football Club for over 37 years, originally at Benny Babcock Park and later moving to the Hialeah Middle School Sports Complex in 1980. Through his perseverance and leadership, he has always been committed to making the vision of the Optimist a reality. He has always exemplified the legacy of the Hialeah Optimist Club and what it stands for. Willy voluntarily served as a distinguished past President, Board Member, Coach and continues to serve as a Board Member today.

Since its inception in 1948, the Hialeah Optimist Club has touched the lives of thousands of children and families in this community. Since the organizations inception over six decades ago, children and families have participated and become leaders in the athletics and management arenas. Because of community leaders and mentors such as Willy, programs like Hialeah Optimists, have provided guidance and instilled virtues in children who otherwise might not have those lessons introduced to them.

Willy has been the recipient of one of the highest awards given by Optimist International, the Outstanding Volunteer Award for his work in the Optimist community. He has dedicated his entire life to the youth of this community serving as a role model and mentor to many children. Willy was known for the "Willy Scrivens Jitney," where as a Coach he would drive around the community picking up kids for football practices and games who otherwise would not have been able to attend or play. Many of those same lives that Willy touched are today model citizens in our community who have gone on to do great things. Willy was always the first one at the field and the last one to leave; he will continue to be an integral part of the Hialeah Optimist family forever through its grand legacy; his work will never be forgotten.

For more information, please contact the City of Hialeah Communications & Special Events Department at 305-889-5701.

PHOTOS

1363 – From Left to Right – Hialeah Optimist President, Eddie Arenas, Council Member Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Willy Scrivens and Hialeah Mayor, Julio Robaina.